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Inventors: Hendrik Sibolt van Damme, Hermanus Johannes Maria Kreuwel, Tim Kievits, Marinus Gerardus Johannus van Beuningen, and Pieter Jacob Boender
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Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified utility patent application in the names of Hendrik Sibolt van Damme, Hermanus Johannes Maria Kreuwel, Tim Kievits, Marinus Gerardus Johannus van Beuningen, and Pieter Jacob Boender, entitled DEVICE FOR PERFORMING AN ASSAY, A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAID DEVICE, AND USE OF A MEMBRANE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SAID DEVICE, comprising the following:

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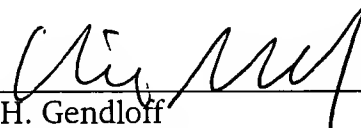
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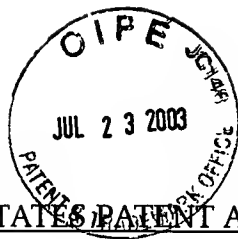
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This Reply is to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003 in the above-named case. Since this Reply is due on August 10, 2003, it is timely filed.

Election/Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement imposed in the July 10, 2003 Office Action, applicants note that the claims were amended on April 12, 2002 with the Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application. That amendment cancelled all claims except for claims 1-11, 18-21 and 31-36, which are the claims of